Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education at +2 level is being implemented since 1988. The revised Scheme is in operation since 1992-93. Under the above scheme so far 6519 schools spread all over the country have been approved for implementation of the programme in the schools. More than 150 vocational courses in the six major disciplines of Engineering & Technology, Business & Commerce, Health & Paramedical, Home Sciences, Agriculture & Humanities are offered in these schools. The Scheme provides for survey, equipment, workshed, instructional material, training etc. Central scheme of the vocational courses is being run in different states on this pattern.

UGC Grants to Assam University

1496. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that, as reported in the Asian Age dated 15th June, 2000 the University Grants Commission has stopped grants to Assam University;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) what steps are proposed to be taken to restore the grants so that the University does not become totally disfunctional due to financial constraints?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Recognition of institutions for Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management

1497. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the requirements for recognition of institutions for imparting post graduate diplomas in Business Management;

- (b) the number of institutions granted recognition in each state; and
- (c) whether these institutions have the infrastructure to meet the requirements?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) From the academic year 1997-98 and onwards, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)—the statutory body for granting approval to technical programmes including management courses, has stopped granting approval to Post Graduate Diploma in Management Programme.

- (b) The number of institutions granted approval for Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management (PGDBM) Programme by AICTE is 35, the state-wise detail, is given in the enclosed Statement. (See below)
- (c) AICTE has granted approval to those institutions who have fulfilled the requirements as per its Norms & Standards.

Statement

Recognition of Institutions for Post Graduate Diploma in Business

Management

Number of Institutions granted approval for Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management (PGDBM)

State/UT	Full time	Part time
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	03	00
Bihar	02	01
Gūjarat	02	02
Karnataka	02	00
Maharashtra	00	01
Orissa	02	00
Tamilnadu	01	00

1	2	3
Uttar Pradesh	10	05
West Bengal	02	02
TOTAL:	24	11

Guidelines for education in Foreign Universities

- 1498. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that certain agencies are dealing with matters relating to education in foreign universities and also arranging for entrance tests in different places in India;
- (b) if so, whether there are any rules and regulations governing such transactions; and
- (c) if not, whether Government would evolve guidelines in the interest of aspiring students?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) At present, there are no Rules and Regulations governing such transactions. However, issue of guidelines to regulate the operations of Foreign Universities is under consideration of the Government.

Amendment of Delhi University Act

1499. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV: SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided or are contemplating to amend the present act of Delhi University; if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) in what way students would be benefited by amendment to the University Act; its impact on the composition and functioning of the University and what Government are trying to achieve with this move?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT